

§ 493.1463 Standard: General supervisor responsibilities.

The general supervisor is responsible for day-to-day supervision or oversight of the laboratory operation and personnel performing testing and reporting test results.

(a) The general supervisor—(1) Must be accessible to testing personnel at all times testing is performed to provide on-site, telephone or electronic consultation to resolve technical problems in accordance with policies and procedures established either by the laboratory director or technical supervisor;

(2) Is responsible for providing day-to-day supervision of high complexity test performance by a testing personnel qualified under § 493.1489;

(3) Except as specified in paragraph (c) of this section, must be onsite to provide direct supervision when high complexity testing is performed by any individuals qualified under § 493.1489(b)(5); and

(4) Is responsible for monitoring test analyses and specimen examinations to ensure that acceptable levels of analytic performance are maintained.

(b) The director or technical supervisor may delegate to the general supervisor the responsibility for—

(1) Assuring that all remedial actions are taken whenever test systems deviate from the laboratory's established performance specifications;

(2) Ensuring that patient test results are not reported until all corrective actions have been taken and the test system is properly functioning;

(3) Providing orientation to all testing personnel; and

(4) Annually evaluating and documenting the performance of all testing personnel.

(c) *Exception.* For individuals qualified under § 493.1489(b)(5), who were performing high complexity testing on or before January 19, 1993, the requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section are not effective, provided that all high complexity testing performed by the individual in the absence of a general supervisor is reviewed within 24 hours by a general supervisor qualified under § 493.1461.

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§ 493.1467 Condition: Laboratories performing high complexity testing; cytology general supervisor.

For the subspecialty of cytology, the laboratory must have a general supervisor who meets the qualification requirements of § 493.1469 of this subpart, and provides supervision in accordance with § 493.1471 of this subpart.

§ 493.1469 Standard: Cytology general supervisor qualifications.

The cytology general supervisor must be qualified to supervise cytology services. The general supervisor in cytology must possess a current license issued by the State in which the laboratory is located, if such licensing is required, and must—

(a) Be qualified as a technical supervisor under § 493.1449 (b) or (k); or

(b)(1) Be qualified as a cytotechnologist under § 493.1483; and

(2) Have at least 3 years of full-time (2,080 hours per year) experience as a cytotechnologist within the preceding 10 years.

§ 493.1471 Standard: Cytology general supervisor responsibilities.

The technical supervisor of cytology may perform the duties of the cytology general supervisor or delegate the responsibilities to an individual qualified under § 493.1469.

(a) The cytology general supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day supervision or oversight of the laboratory operation and personnel performing testing and reporting test results.

(b) The cytology general supervisor must—

(1) Be accessible to provide on-site, telephone, or electronic consultation to resolve technical problems in accordance with policies and procedures established by the technical supervisor of cytology;

(2) Document the slide interpretation results of each gynecologic and nongynecologic cytology case he or she examined or reviewed (as specified under § 493.1274(c));

(3) For each 24-hour period, document the total number of slides he or she examined or reviewed in the laboratory as well as the total number of slides examined or reviewed in any other laboratory or for any other employer; and

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(4) Document the number of hours spent examining slides in each 24-hour period.

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§ 493.1481 Condition: Laboratories performing high complexity testing; cytotechnologist.

For the subspecialty of cytology, the laboratory must have a sufficient number of cytotechnologists who meet the qualifications specified in § 493.1483 to perform the functions specified in § 493.1485.

§ 493.1483 Standard: Cytotechnologist qualifications.

Each person examining cytology slide preparations must meet the qualifications of § 493.1449 (b) or (k), or—

(a) Possess a current license as a cytotechnologist issued by the State in which the laboratory is located, if such licensing is required; and

(b) Meet one of the following requirements:

(1) Have graduated from a school of cytotechnology accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or other organization approved by HHS; or

(2) Be certified in cytotechnology by a certifying agency approved by HHS; or

(3) Before September 1, 1992—

(i) Have successfully completed 2 years in an accredited institution with at least 12 semester hours in science, 8 hours of which are in biology; and

(A) Have had 12 months of training in a school of cytotechnology accredited by an accrediting agency approved by HHS; or

(B) Have received 6 months of formal training in a school of cytotechnology accredited by an accrediting agency approved by HHS and 6 months of full-time experience in cytotechnology in a laboratory acceptable to the pathologist who directed the formal 6 months of training; or

(ii) Have achieved a satisfactory grade to qualify as a cytotechnologist in a proficiency examination approved by HHS and designed to qualify persons as cytotechnologists; or

(4) Before September 1, 1994, have full-time experience of at least 2 years

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or equivalent within the preceding 5 years examining slide preparations under the supervision of a physician qualified under § 493.1449(b) or (k)(1), and before January 1, 1969, must have—

(i) Graduated from high school;

(ii) Completed 6 months of training in cytotechnology in a laboratory directed by a pathologist or other physician providing cytology services; and

(iii) Completed 2 years of full-time supervised experience in cytotechnology; or

(5)(i) On or before September 1, 1994, have full-time experience of at least 2 years or equivalent examining cytology slide preparations within the preceding 5 years in the United States under the supervision of a physician qualified under § 493.1449(b) or (k)(1); and

(ii) On or before September 1, 1995, have met the requirements in either paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

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§ 493.1485 Standard: Cytotechnologist responsibilities.

The cytotechnologist is responsible for documenting—

(a) The slide interpretation results of each gynecologic and nongynecologic cytology case he or she examined or reviewed (as specified in § 493.1274(c));

(b) For each 24-hour period, the total number of slides examined or reviewed in the laboratory as well as the total number of slides examined or reviewed in any other laboratory or for any other employer; and

(c) The number of hours spent examining slides in each 24-hour period.

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§ 493.1487 Condition: Laboratories performing high complexity testing; testing personnel.

The laboratory has a sufficient number of individuals who meet the qualification requirements of § 493.1489 of this subpart to perform the functions specified in § 493.1495 of this subpart for the volume and complexity of testing performed.